

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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1769, September 25: James Kerr [attorney] to Thomas Hall



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Mr. Thale Esq.

Point Jamaica 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1769

My dear friendship  
 My last to you was 25<sup>th</sup> July & since  
 that I have received your favour of 2<sup>d</sup> June & 10<sup>th</sup> July & am  
 very glad to find you and family all well; last August  
 Court Mr. Heath's consent a judgment for your Debt Thomas  
 & Stephen Fullers Debt & Debt the Carver D<sup>r</sup> Howle so that  
 you are only upon an equality with those Gentlemen  
 had you wrote me sooner that you expected a supersedeas I  
 should have claimed, but on Account of the Intercourse that  
 is between you & them I did not choose to do anything with  
 out orders, however I think you are very safe

I shall get plans of Tracts & Rivers made out & send you  
 I am not insensible of the Benefit you would receive from  
 a slip of your much about. Peter's house having a long way  
 been on the lock out since I turned but I believe nothing will  
 be what it <sup>was</sup> was. I am told D<sup>r</sup> Frising who proposes to build  
 will probably sell part soon & I have employed an  
 instance of this to advise them to make one an offer  
 Tracts matter. Mr. House is so rotten that I shall be obliged  
 to build it up this year with Stone & give it a new Roof. The  
 account of Matter this crop 600 guineas & send some Mules from  
 the other Estates to get the crops off. You have 10 6/6<sup>th</sup> Mus-  
 covado & 2 1/2 Tierses of Sugar on board the ship Olivia  
 Capt. Payne who sailed at Michago. & this is the last of your  
 crops I think the Sugar is very good & hope will  
 turn out well. Moorland would be of use to Worcester  
 but my Attorney writes me a clear Title cannot be got  
 without applying to Sir Henry Moor as it will not pass  
 legally under the will when the Title is cleared up. I expect  
 preference for 1000 lb. & some of Worcester Negro ground is  
 on it. This Estate looks very well at present and if the  
 Carver do not lodge next month I expect a very good crop  
 next year. all the Month of August being dry has made  
 the

the Tractors at Williamsfield short and has affected also  
 the Carver's Town very much & occasioned a very great  
 scarcity of Negro provisions in that parish & many People  
 are at a great Expence for Price & Flour to feed their Negroes  
 I am told that Bernard must be at a very great Expence  
 I have been obliged to take all the Children at Town & Royal  
 from their Parents & feed them at the House & the working  
 Negroes at Town are supplied with a little Corn the last  
 three days of the Week as we have had fine seasons  
 since the beginning of this month I expect provisions  
 will be plenty on your Estates in 3 or 4 Weeks & that your  
 whole Expence will not exceed 30 or 40. On the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant  
 I picked out of a Repelle from the Gold Coast belonging to  
 Mr. Holme & consigned to White & Betterton at Montego Bay  
 25 fine young Negro Men for your Estates for which I am  
 to pay 25<sup>l</sup> & duty when the Repelle sails in Bills of Exchange  
 I had engaged the first choice of the Cargo from Mr. White  
 for some time & when I went on board the day before the  
 Sale I was determined not to give so high a price but  
 when I saw the people picked out they pleased me so  
 well that I could not part with them and after consid-  
 ering how much they were wanted on your Estates &  
 what I had orders lying in Town for 3 Months & could not  
 get any good Negroes and the probability of Negroes being  
 scarce this Season I say after considering all these circum-  
 stances I hope you will approve of what I have done  
 10 of these are put in Williamsfield 10 in Worcester & 5 on  
 Town I kept 10 6/6<sup>th</sup> of your Sugar to Mr. Holme of  
 Liverpool & shall draw on him for 150<sup>l</sup> in payment  
 of the above mentioned Negroes I have received  
 the Box of newspapers by Capt. Morgan for which I am obliged  
 to you. Your daughter was to have one half of the price of the  
 from

from Mr. Crofton however as it is true we will keep it  
John Crofton is soon to be married to Miss Irving Charles  
Bernard has been <sup>so</sup> long ill by bad that his coffin was  
actually made he is now so far recovered as to be able  
to go to Montegobury a few days ago his recovery is a  
happy thing for his family. I am

with great esteem

Dear Sir Your Obedt Servant

Jam. Kerr

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of the 25<sup>th</sup> of  
January 1770  
to Mr. Hall.  
Kerr's bought.

SHIP  
Thomas Hall Esq<sup>r</sup>  
in the care of Mr. Hall  
Thomas & Richard Fullers  
of the City of London  
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